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FROM THE bethel town office

Special Town Meeting at
Fire Station, Monday, Dec. 28

A Special Town Meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 28, 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Bethel Fire Station. Voters will be asked to decide on two articles. One for the election of a moderator and another article to appropriate funds from unappropriated surplus to cover unanticipated expenditures for 1981. Accounts to be acted upon are Landfill, \$1,000; Police, \$975; Hydrant Rental, \$635; Street Lights, \$115; Fire Department, \$1615; Retirement, \$500; and Hospital Insurance, \$120. The landfill account went over due to higher costs than anticipated for preparing the trench presently in use. Additional police protection throughout the summer created the overdraft in the Police account. The Bethel Water District's rate increase pushed the Hydrant Rental account over, and increased use overdrew the Street Light account. Three items were responsible for the overdraft in Fire Department. They are: (1) payroll; (2) operational supplies including gas and oil, and (3) the installation of a hydrant in Middle Intervale. An unbudgeted assessment due in 1980 was paid in 1981 creating the overdraft in Retirement account, and rate increases for Hospital Insurance created that overdraft.

The Board of Selectmen met in Special Session on Monday, Dec. 21 and signed the Special Town Meeting Warrant and worked on employee salary negotiations for 1982.

The Selectmen will meet in regular session following the Special Town Meeting of Dec. 28 at the Bethel Fire Station. Agenda items will include the appointment of a Bethel Water District Trustee, a review of the proposed By-Laws of the Oxford County Municipal Officers Association, appointment of two committee members to the SAD 44 Advisory Committee, and other routine items.

The Town Office will close at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24.

Robert Gundersen, Assistant Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, was notified this week of his successful completion of the Class I Wastewater Treatment examination.

The Board of Selectmen and employees extend best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season.

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NEWS FROM ADULT AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

—M. S. A. D. #44

The S.A.D. 44 Adult and Community Education program extends warm holiday wishes to all members of our school district community, with particular emphasis on making 1982 a rewarding year for learning at all levels. The Adult and Community Education office will be closed during the school vacation from Dec. 24 until Jan. 4. Director Cathy Newell may be reached at home, 824-2089, during this time.

The Community Chorus under the direction of Susan Mitchell gave an excellent performance at the Carol Service held on Dec. 15 at the Congregational Church in Bethel. The Chorus will begin another session following the February school vacation, on Feb. 22, meeting on Monday evenings at Telstar. New members are being sought. Persons interested in vocal music, but who have not had formal training or a great deal of experience, are encouraged to join the chorus. The purpose of the class is educational, and novices will receive help and encouragement from the instructor Susan Mitchell, the accompanist Mary Valentine, as well as from the

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MUNDT-ALLEN UNIT HOLDS MEETING

TUESDAY EVENING

Mundt-Allen American Legion Auxiliary held a regular meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 22, at the Post Home, Bethel.

Thanks you were read from Edith Hejduk, the Veterans Administration, Pineland Center and the March of Dimes. Donations voted were to the Susan L. Curtis Foundation, Project Hope, Main Lung Association, Salvation Army and Opportunity Farm. Also it was voted to pay Ramona Lowe for postage costs.

The next Lions Club supper will be on Jan. 5. Reports were given on Education and Scholarship programs and the 40 & 8 Christmas party. Stephanie Thurstan thanked the members for her rose bowl. It was decided to send Christmas plants to the Gold Star Mothers and flowers to Grace Westfield who is hospitalized at the Central Maine Medical Center. Items needed for the kitchen will be purchased from Unit funds.

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 26.

more experienced members of the chorus, Miss Mitchell, who also continued on Page Five

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Telstar Skiers Working Out

The Telstar boys' and girls' ski teams have been involved in pre season workouts and practices since early November. Preparations for the coming season have included cross country ski trail clearing, jump maintenance, roller skiing, running, hill-bounding, weight training and a wild variety of soccer. The team has begun alpine skiing at Sunday River, and cross country skiing on the athletic field at Telstar.

Coach Jim Haskell's boys' alpine team looks as strong as ever as three members of last year's Maine State Team return. They are senior Captain Robby James, and juniors Bryan O'Donnell and Chris Mills. All three placed in the top ten in last year's state giant slalom championships. James coming home with a third place medal. Adding good depth to the team will be Rick Savage, a senior who was also a top ten finisher in last season's giant slalom championships, and Jon Owen, a senior who will be battling to finish near the top. Fighting to make the top six will be a number of good skiers including seniors Ross Swan and Dana Bean, juniors Alan Merrill and Mike Otero, and freshmen Bruce Barth and Mike Kelly.

Coach Haskell's girls' alpine team has talent but lacks depth as only five girls are on the team at present. The talent is made up of 1981 Maine State team members continued on Page Five

HEALTH & SERVICE COUNCIL HELD ANNUAL MEETING

The trustees of the Northern Oxford Health and Service Council (Bethel Area Health Center) held their regular monthly meeting at Telstar Regional High School on Monday evening, Dec. 14. The 1982 budget was presented by John Gray, chairperson of the Finance Committee and adopted by the Trustees.

The main item for discussion was program planning and setting minimum program services. Various committees have been meeting during the past month to discuss the health needs of the community and to prioritize services offered by the Center. After presentation by individual committees and discussion by all Council members, a list of minimum services to be offered at the Health Center was accepted. The facility committee, chaired by Don Bean, will now use that list to work on facility plans.

The Council will soon be electing new officers and trustees and is seeking membership from the community. Anyone interested in becoming involved in the further development of the Health Center is urged to contact Jan Stowell, President of the Council, or Shirley Powell at the Health Center.

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CHRISTMAS PAGEANT — Bethel's "Living Nativity" was presented on the Common early Sunday evening, Dec. 20. Portraying the Holy Family were Jack and Barbara Brooks and their son, Christopher (above). Director of the 1981 pageant was Christine Greenleaf, with Sue Mitchell as choir director, and Jim Deibel as narrator. —Kurt Brown Photo

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING SLATED FOR GREENWOOD

On Tuesday, Dec. 29, Greenwood voters will be asked to decide on whether the town wants an elected road commissioner or an appointed road foreman. The town currently has an elected road commissioner. Any change as a result of this article would be effective with the March 1982 annual town meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Greenwood Town Hall in Locke Mills and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

LAMAZE CLASSES START JANUARY 7 IN NORWAY

Lamaze classes will begin on Jan. 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Stephens Memorial Hospital General Conference Room. The classes will be held every Thursday evening for six weeks under the direction of Mrs. Alexis Frick, R.N.

Expectant parents should plan to attend these classes during the latter part of the pregnancy. To register, call the Stephens Memorial Health Education Department at 743-5933, ext. 489.

BETHEL WATER DISTRICT
TEMPERATURE REPORT
Water, ground (below Philbrook St.) and air temperature, recorded at the Bethel Water District's Philbrook Street Office at 8 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1981. Readings are in Fahrenheit.

	12/23/81	12/17/80	12/19/79
Water	40°	38°	40°
Ground	35°	34°	37°
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EPISCOPAL SERVICE CHRISTMAS EVE

A celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be held on Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24, 1981. Sponsored by St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church, Rumford, the service will be held at the West Parish Congregational Church, Church St., Bethel. The Rev. Jacqueline R. Merrill will officiate. The service will begin with carols at 11:00 p.m. All residents of the community, visitors to the community and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

INFORMAL CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY GATHERING TONIGHT AT METHODIST CHURCH

The true meaning of Christmas will be celebrated at the United Methodist Church with an informal family gathering in the sanctuary beginning at 7 o'clock Christmas Eve (tonight), Dec. 24. All family members, parents and children, are invited to this short worship service which will include reading of the Christmas story from the scriptures and brief messages by lay speakers.

DRINKING AT HOLIDAY PARTIES — DON'T DRIVE

Before good times begin and before the wine starts flowing during this season of the year—that's the time to make plans for getting home safely advises the Maine Highway Safety Committee. They suggest that several friends arrange to ride with a non-drinker or take a cab together. In some areas local police departments and sheriff's offices will provide a ride home for people who've had too much to drink.

Anyone who absolutely must drive after a party should pace drinks at about one per hour, avoid doubles, keep snacking and stay put about an hour after the last drink. Using good common sense about drinking increases a driver's chances of getting home safely and helps avoid the sometimes tragic aftermath of a holiday get-together the Committee said.

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— Charles Gibson, Corres. —

The shortest day of the year and the cold has begun to strengthen as Sunday I saw the first frost fingers on our storm windows. We have already had more snow than we had all last year and now have snow banks in case we do skid. Last week we only had one day that it either didn't spit snow or have a lot of snow. School didn't keep Tuesday and Wednesday. Wednesday with the wind made at times visibility almost nil. Friday was another snowy day and I decided to wait before going to Berlin shopping. The new bridge was opened before the snows which we are thankful for as the curves on both ends of the temporary road were at times slippery. We have enjoyed the picture postcard days with the branches covered with snow and the unmarked white fields. In the morning when a pink glow comes down and blends with the snow it is an awe inspiring sight.

The Christmas decorations are, in most cases, up now and the houses are beginning to look like Christmas. A lot of women are doing baking for the holiday meals and to give away. Others are finishing up the gifts they are making, shopping and wrapping. A busy time.

Not many trails open but enough snow so one can go snowmobiling. In fact, they say more snow in the woods than they had realized.

Sunday, my folks, Mr. and Mrs. George Allen, Norway, came. We exchanged gifts and had a light lunch. The day was cold but clear. Wilfred called from Hawaii at 4 a. m. Monday morning. The boys have found out that Christmas day one sometimes has to wait a long while before lines are clear to make their calls.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith, Jessica and Laura of Winterport, were Saturday and Sunday visitors of his aunt and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert.

Betty Gilbert took care of her granddaughter, Kaycee Lee for ten days while Kaycee's mother, Mrs. Randy Gilbert, was in a Lewiston hospital.

Bob and Linda Howe are both on the National Ski Patrol and were at Mt. Abram both Saturday and Sunday. Sunday they also stopped in to see Bob's grandmother, Mrs. Stella Howe, in Locke Mills.

Mrs. Evelyn Hilborn had the flu last week so stayed in but has had very many phone calls having people ask how she was doing.

The week end of Dec. 12 Mr. and Frank Murphy had her brother, Paul Greenberg and family of Draught, Mass.; their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Murphy and two children, Sebago. Saturday evening all except the two young Murphy children went to a M. M. restaurant and then bowling.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murphy went shopping Friday night in Rumford; Saturday to North Conway, N. H., and Sunday, Gorham, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Smith, and Danny, of Kingston, N. H., were Saturday callers at his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Smith and Andy went to Fryeburg Sunday to their grandson Shawn Smith's 8th birthday party.

Althea Brown took care of Amanda Gilbert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gilbert, Bridge St., Friday.

Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Brown went to Rumford shopping and Monday they went to Gorham, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Butters, Fryeburg, were supper guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Butters.

Tuesday, Dec. 15, Sue Angevine met Sheri at Portland Jetport, who flew in from Texas. She is living in New Mexico. Sue spent the day with the Russell Carson family in Portland and didn't realize all the fun things to do in Portland on a

— Mrs. Marion Chase, Corres. —

Mrs. Liz Rowe was at her home on High Street over the week end.

Callers on Mrs. Lula Buck over the week end were: Mr. and Mrs. Barry Millett, Stacy and Brian, of Quincy, Mass.; Randall Buck, Oxford.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Bacon were guests of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bissette, in St. Albans, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marston, Hartford, called on Mrs. Lyndell Farr, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nestor Ruokolainen, Lisa, Karen, Angie and Jennifer, joined a family pre-Christmas party at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Georgia Jordan, in Locke Mills on Sunday.

The Dalmatians 4-H Club held their Christmas Party at the home of their leader on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rennie Cole left for Virginia the first of the week.

Mrs. Louvie Coffin and Mrs. Madeline Jacobs will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hutchinson in Rockland.

Mrs. Lula Buck will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Millett in Lewiston.

The Historical Society held their monthly meeting on Monday. After a business meeting, carols were sung, members recollected Pearl Harbor Day. The Jan. 18 meeting will have a 6 p. m. pot luck supper followed by a business meeting and program.

stormy day. Sue and Sheri also went shopping in Gorham, N. H., Monday.

Sylvia Benson went to Rumford shopping Monday.

Monday Ira and I went and picked up Frankie and Gerrett Crockett and all went to Gorham, N. H. We ate lunch there before returning home.

Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Onofrio brought a basket from the Senior Citizen Group to the Leslie Lapham's and then the Onofrios took Mr. Lapham to the Fish and Game meeting at Locke Mills.

Elaine Hutchins and Misty called on the Leslie Lapham's Monday and brought a basket of goodies from Pleasant Valley Bible Church and that afternoon Dorothy and Burton Abbott called.

Major and Mrs. Ted McKnight, Shelby and Josie, are driving in from Virginia for Christmas and a week. They will be visiting her twin, Becky Shaw, as well as other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McCoy dropped in to see Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Shaw and family Monday night.

Jennifer, Chuckie and Meridith, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason, III; Dawn and Ryan, children of Debbie Seames, were in the program at the Nazarene Church, Sunday night. Rusty Seames also went.

Jimmy and Lea MacDougall and Jody Shimamura are home from their studies over the holidays.

When Christmas Lights Come Down

When Christmas trees come down today, I wonder—will you put away

The warmth of generosity Which glowed so bright beneath the tree?

With shining stars you pack again Will you include Good Will to Men?

As tinsel gay you once more pack Will you put kindly feelings back?

And hide again for one long year The Christ born spirit of good cheer?

When Christmas lights come down today, I wonder—can't we let one stay?

The brightest in the diadem The one that leads to Bethlehem? If we but keep a greater part

Of love that overflows our heart As happily we join the throng In Christmas worship, prayer and song.

We shall not hide God's gift to earth The miracle of Jesus' birth.

—John W. Martin

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To such as these — they are His own — to call His friends when we're called home.

It's on this the Solid rock I stand —
all other ground is sinking sand.

Andover

— Mrs. Marjorie Jodrey, Cor. —

Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Palmer of Springfield, Ore., are receiving congratulations on the birth of their first child, a son born December 16. Glendon Jr. weighed in at 6 lbs. 2 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Palm.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Christopher are spending the holiday with their children.

Rosemary Smith took Iva Fox and Pauline Smith shopping in Norway on Thursday, also visited their mother, Marion Kendall, at the Andrews nursing home.

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Prelude on piano of Christmas music by Marilyn Morton. Pastor Grover led in the service, announcing

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— Pauline Smith, Corres. —

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The Sheriff's Office will be answering for many ambulance services.

The monthly meeting was held on Monday, Dec. 21. Officers elected for the year '82 are: President, Mem Enright; 1st Vice President, Albert Raymond; 2nd Vice President, Esther Sweetser; Treasurer, Mary Brown; Secretary, Mary Myers, Training Officers, Florence Merrill and Arlene Greenleaf.

The B.E.A.R.S. would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas—also a safe one.

Safety Tip of the Week
Children will be on vacation from school. Please watch out for them as they may be sliding or skiing near the road. Snow time is fun time for children so let's make this a safe vacation for them all.

Magalloway & Wilson's Mills
— Alice Harvey, Corres. —

Phyllis Littlefield and Audrey Threlkeld were in Berlin shopping on Tuesday.

Arly West and family are now living in Texas, where he has employment.

Susan Meyers of Connecticut, daughter of Wes and Helen Russell was a winner of \$60,000 in the Connecticut lottery.

The Bragg family were in Lewiston on Saturday evening, visiting relatives and doing some Christmas shopping.

Danny and Lynda Lake were week end visitors of the Glover family.

A Christmas supper and party was held at Aztec Inn on Sunday evening. There was an exchange of gifts and caroling. The highlight of the evening was Silent Night. Mark Harvey sang Silent Night, with Beverly Cameron at the piano; Larry Bragg, Anecdote; Reading, Anne and her Puppet; Wes Russell, Reading—Limerick; Beverly Cameron, piano solo, Three Blind Mice; Helen Russell, poem, The Christmas Cake; Cindy Bragg, Tap Dance, The Old Soft Shoe; Glen White, poem, Don't Hurry; May Thoms, paid forfeit; Eleanor White, Reading, The Great Depression; Liz-Joke; Donna Glover, Joke; Robert Glover, Questions and Answers; Clifford Glover, Quiz; David Fulton, paid forfeit; Madge Hart, Recitation.

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Greenwood City

Mrs. Collette Morgan, Corres.

Now comes the time when love holds sway.

And grown-ups share in children's play.

And houses glow with varied light,

And make a fairy time of night,

And life is rich and warm and full,

And heart strings feel the tender pull.

—Mark Edwards, S. M.

My childhood was lived in a little community where tall maples

and pines grew with their majestic beauty.

In the next town there were churches with bells that rang

joyously on Sunday mornings.

They were rung on Christmas and again on New Years. We used to

walk the two miles to one of these churches on Sunday mornings

when I was young. Sometimes we rode in bobsleds on cold winter

nights, but I cannot remember of ever feeling cold. The floor of

the bobsled was covered with straw and packed with children

wrapped from head to foot in heavy horse blankets.

Close by was a long steep hill, scattered with diamonds on winter

nights, as bright as the stars and moon above. It was perfect

for sliding on double-runner sleds, which held several people. Most

of the children in the neighborhood were there and many had

single sleds. It was a long and fast ride from the top of the hill

to the bridge at the foot, and seemed a longer distance back again.

But many and many a time we climbed the hill during the evening.

One Christmas my father and mother gave me a store-bought

sled. It was called a "Speed-Away" and always lived up to its

name. I still have it. Previously I had a home-made sled, as

most of the others did.

Often now when the first snow comes, I shut out the sounds of

the world and can once again hear the swish of the sled runners as

they flew over the hard-packed snow.

In front of my home there was a river and mill pond that always

froze over in November. We skated from in front of the house to

the mill dam. Sometimes the older skaters pulled us on a sled up

and down the river. Our faces stung as the wind cut our cheeks

but huge bonfires were kept burning to warm cold faces, feet, and

hands.

Cutting the Christmas tree was a high light of the year. Father al-

ways took some of us with him to choose a tree. Merrily we went

to the pasture hill where the paper birch trees stood. Here also

grew the balsam ladies with lacy skirts. We chose a fat one and

cut it down.

—Mark Edwards, S. M.

And there was Santa Claus, it was the spirit of loving

parents who planned and saved for months to buy that cherished

gift that brought sparkle to the eyes of their children. Santa was

the tired father or mother who worked hours at night, only to be

awakened early at dawn by eager youngsters.

When Christmas comes and the cold winds blow again, I think of

those days of childhood magic for they are as much a part of me as

my voice, my love of poetry, and of children. I am forever remind-

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North Paris

Eveline B. Vatcher, Corres.

I wish all my readers and friends everywhere a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It looks a lot like Christmas with a lot of white stuff around

and maybe we will have less sickness with snow on the ground. As

it is the first of winter, I wish every one a nice Winter, free from

sickness and with plenty of heat so they may enjoy themselves.

10 below today.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and daughter, Jo-Anne of Roxbury

Road, Mexico, called on Joe and Eveline Vatcher Saturday evening

and when the Mister came in he was like a bear and carded me

out for not putting their name on the list of callers at Lawrence's

last week. He told me that when

anything was news it was supposed to be reported when it happened

not a week or month later. When I could get a word in edge-

wise, I told him that Santa Claus was still listening and might pass

him right by if he didn't calm down. So he produced a five pound

box of chocolates, so I guess he just wanted to "blow off steam".

We love you just the same, Norman.

Mrs. Rhoda Vatcher was in Berlin, N. H., on business, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Estes entertained a large family get-to-

gether at their home on Sunday, Dec. 20, with all their children and

grandchildren present. It was Helen's long week-end off from her

work at Chapel Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vatcher were in Massachusetts Monday and

Tuesday of this week. They called

on his mother, Mrs. Fannie Vatcher and his several brothers and

sisters in-law at Burlington, Saugus and Woburn, Mass.

Callers at Lawrence's were: Lena Kangas, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Card, Mr. and Mrs. Pete

Lawrence, Alice Billings, and granddaughter Allyssia Holden,

Jeanne Millett, Lena Dean, Joe and Eveline Vatcher, Mr. and

Mrs. Wayne Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Abbott and daughter

Jo-Anne.

Harold "Red" Vatcher returned home from Stephens Memorial

hospital on Saturday morning.

Hope everyone likes all the white stuff. The owners of the

slopes should be able to take a deep breath. Hope it will last for

awhile. It won't take long to bankrupt the town if this kind of weather

keeps up. Salt costs.

Todd Poland fell off the roof at his father's Saturday and broke

his wrist and he has a concussion. He was taken to Norway hospital

by Tri-Town Rescue Squad.

Bruce Richards and friend of Saugus, Mass., and Norway, called

on Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vatcher and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vatcher

Sunday. Joe used to be Bruce's boss when he worked for Forestry

and Parks in Saugus.

Harlan Abbott and Joe Vatcher worked on the snowmobile trails

on Sunday and they were assisted by Warren Emery, and his son.

There is much to be done on the trails as they haven't been used in

two years. We are all looking for a good amount of snow so to use

the snowmobiles, all except me and I will set back and watch for a

change.

I tried something new this past

—Mark Edwards, S. M.

And there was Santa Claus, it was the spirit of loving

parents who planned and saved for months to buy that cherished

gift that brought sparkle to the eyes of their children. Santa was

the tired father or mother who worked hours at night, only to be

FROM THE Bethel Area Health Center

HEALTH WATCH — THE TRUTH ABOUT SCARLET FEVER

As many of you know, several cases of scarlet fever have been diagnosed in our community in the last few weeks. I hope to share some information that will help get treatment to those who need it as well as dispel many fears and anxieties about this illness.

Let's begin with what is commonly called STREP THROAT. The streptococcal germ that causes this type of sore throat actually lives peacefully on the skin and in the throats of many of us all the time. Most adults during the course of our lives have built up natural defense against the germ so that it does not often make us ill. Children, however, do not have such defenses and therefore often become infected by the germ.

Some of the factors which contribute to children becoming infected are: cold weather, already having a viral infection ("cold" or "flu"), being tired, being in groups, and contact with the germ. The infection probably spreads from person to person through secretions from the nose and mouth. Not all children who are exposed to the infection will get it, but those who do will develop symptoms one to three days after exposure. Fortunately, babies do not usually get infected because of protection they receive from their mothers' blood stream before birth.

The child with strep throat usually has a sore throat, fever (usually above 101°), swollen neck glands and loss of appetite. He or she may also complain of headache, ear ache, abdominal pain or vomiting. Remember that a child with strep throat may have only one or two of these symptoms. A runny nose and cough do

not usually occur with strep throat.

You may be surprised to learn that SCARLET FEVER means simply strep throat with a rash caused by certain varieties of the germ. The rash is usually pinpoint pink or red, often slightly bumpy (like sandpaper), and sometimes includes fine scaling of the skin. The tongue may be involved in the rash also.

Scarlet fever's bad name comes from the days before the discovery of penicillin, when complications such as abscesses, pneumonia, meningitis, rheumatic fever, and kidney disease were not uncommon. Fortunately, most children nowadays recover completely from scarlet fever and/or strep throat after proper treatment with penicillin either by mouth for 10 days or by injection. (Another antibiotic is used for those allergic to penicillin.) Children with the infection generally need not be strictly isolated and are no longer contagious 24 hours after beginning penicillin.

How can you know when your child has a strep throat? If your child has only a sore throat, and no one in your household has a strep infection, you can assume that the child probably does not have strep. Given the amount of strep throat in our community this winter, however, if your child has any of the other symptoms mentioned earlier, he or she should be evaluated by a doctor or health care provider. That person may decide to do a strep culture—a way of taking germs from the back of the throat and growing them in the laboratory to confirm the diagnosis. If the diagnosis is strep, penicillin will be prescribed for the child and possibly for family members as well.

If you have further questions about strep throat or scarlet fever, please feel free to call us at the Health Center, 824-2193. Pixie Williams, M.D.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Please allow me to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Les Owen, his employees, and the ski patrol of Sunday River. I would also like to thank Mrs. Dave Myers and her partner of the Bethel Ambulance Service. It is heartwarming to know there are people wherever you go that are willing to help a person in their time of need.

Thank you,
Thomas Sichel
Pittsford, N. H.

To the Editor:

I apologize for the dog that is making a mess in the cemetery. I believe the dog is considered a dumb animal. What excuse does the human animals that throw their garbage over the stone wall onto my property have.

Kate Gordon
(Editor's Note: It is assumed that the cemetery is the one mentioned in the Songo Pond news last week.)

An Apology

I am writing this letter to all the people who so trustingly sent gifts to my wedding and didn't receive a thank you in return. For this I humbly apologize and ask your forgiveness.

I became a Christian shortly after I was married and it changed my life completely. I no longer, thought or acted the way I used to. I was not perfect; and am not perfect now; but I am growing and learning what God has for me in my life.

And lately He has been speaking to me about making right; past wrongs. I didn't want to do this, so I've put it off quite awhile.

But this morning I was reading in "Our Daily Bread," and the title was "Dangerous Delays" and I knew it was time to do what I did not want to do.

I was also reading in the Bible; James Chap. 4 verse 17, "Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it; for him it is sin."

I had asked Jesus to forgive me and I know he has; and now I hope you find it in your heart to forgive me too.

Sincerely,
Betsy York

PLEASANT VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

A goodly number of members braved the strong winds Sunday morning to attend the service of the Pleasant Valley Bible Church on the Flat Road. The prelude was played by Ellen Lovejoy and her father, Pastor Griffith was assisted by the Elders, Stanley Jones and Dale Covey, and Diana Walker sang "Holy Night."

Sunday evening the Christmas Pageant was well performed by the Sunday School children and the Choir. Solos were sung by Miss Faye Luxton, Diana Walker, and Dorothy West. Christopher and Rebecca West also sang. Linda Stowell and Dorothy West were accompanists. Refreshments were served and the children received gifts.

Saturday evening the Adult Fellowship Dinner and gift exchange was a lot of fun for the large turn-out.

Walking With Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ born on Christmas day—God himself in human form to bring his offer of love, joy and peace. A love so great it is beyond our understanding and comprehension—never ceasing—remaining steadfast through all of life's circumstances.

Jesus, coming to earth—as a witness to the world—peoples of all nations—to bear the burdens of all that would trust in him. Called "Christ the redeemer—taking upon himself the sins of everyone—you and me—ages past and yet to come—should he tar-

ry. The Bible says—I John 4:8 "God is love." This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

The Bible tells us that the love of God is the sustaining force of a Christian—"The love of God is poured out into the hearts of his children by the Holy Spirit." Romans 5: 5, 8. "But God demon-

strates his own love in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus yesterday—today and tomorrow—always ready to redeem us—to forgive and bring us into the fellowship of the saints!

The Bible plainly and forcefully states, that the love of God is the fruit of the Spirit—the Holy Spirit that lives in the hearts of a Christian—transformed men, women and children—from sinners to forgiven sinners—"filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God." "Christ Jesus, who being in the very form of God,—being made in human likeness—and being found in appearance as man, he humbled himself, and became obedient to death—even on the Cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil. 1:11 and 2:5-10.

This Christmas season the best gift you can give—is to God—yourself, asking his forgiveness through Jesus Christ. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23. "And to receive Christ as your Lord and Savior."

Fred Werner

The Week in Washington

by Sen. George J. Mitchell

The year-end holiday season is traditionally a time to celebrate Christmas and Chanukkah and pray for peace and understanding among mankind.

As we enjoy our holiday celebrations in America this year, with all the food and gifts that traditionally belong to this season, we should also recall that one of our major blessings is to live in a free society, which offers each of us the individual liberty and the security from oppression without which true freedom is impossible.

It is particularly tragic in this holiday season to reflect on the plight of the Polish people today. Poland's devoutly Christian people face Christmas with little hope for peace and goodwill. Poland's citizens have seen their nation's borders closed to the outside world, their major industries placed under military control, their telephone and telegraph links to the world cut, and their lives ruled by martial law.

This punishment, ironically, has been visited on the people of a "workers' paradise," for the sin of striking; for the sin of trying to better their lives.

We Americans are so accustomed to free expression and the right to make friends and associates where we choose that it is hard to comprehend a system where association itself is a crime. The Polish ruling military has outlawed Solidarity, the union which claimed a nine million membership among Poland's population of 35 million.

We Americans are so accustomed to fully-stocked stores that our main complaint is the price of goods, not their availability. So it is hard for us to imagine a life

where standing in line for hours is necessary to buy the basic necessities of a daily diet. Yet millions of Polish women rise before dawn and stand in line for hours before a full day's work to buy the small amounts of food their weekly ration coupons permit them to purchase.

We Americans take it for granted that striving for a better life for ourselves and for our children is a goal to encourage, not to disparage. So it is difficult to understand the motivation of a government system which sets itself up in opposition to such a basic human desire.

The similarities and family relationships between Polish people and many American families make it easy for us to ignore the very real differences in the government system under which Poland has existed for the past 36 years and the system we live with. But the differences in government systems do not create differences in human desires and human goals.

Reliable news reports from Poland are difficult to come by. The governing military have effectively sealed the Polish borders to Western news agencies. So we cannot tell if this disruption in the life of Poland's citizens will be a temporary setback from which the forces of freedom may yet recover their strength, or whether this is, indeed, the beginning of the end for the Solidarity Union and the hope of a better life that it held out to the Polish people.

The tragedy in Poland is vivid proof—as if any more were necessary—of the failure of communism. It can remain in power only through the threat of force or the use of force.

We who enjoy the blessings of freedom can only pray that the Polish people will share those blessings in future years. We pray that their strong character and their faith will carry them through this discouraging time.

Songo Pond

—Mrs. Ralph Kimball, Corres.—

Timmie Lapham spent a few days recently with his aunt, Mrs. Shirley Morse and family.

Mrs. Gladys Grenier and Buzzie Lapham were in Lewiston shopping on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith and two children of Bucksport were Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bancroft.

A chimney fire at the Friel house was contained by the time fire trucks came.

Martha Flint shared breakfast Monday morning with the Bill Bancrofts.

Mrs. Eleanor Parsons is expected home Wednesday from Maine Medical Center where she underwent a variety of tests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nardi and girls, Lisa and Sarah of East Stoneham and Mrs. Barbara Brown were Monday callers of Mrs. Alice Kimball.

Love—the nicest gift of all. Love is staying up all night with a sick child or an elderly adult. Love and Merry Christmas to all. When it comes to happy moments there simply couldn't be brighter ones than those we share with friends and family. That's surely why as years go by the joys are always new. When it comes to sharing Christmas thoughts and memories with you.

and the United States, "PHIBLEX 6-81" was a joint U. S.-Portugal amphibious assault exercise, designed to demonstrate the ability of Allied Forces to conduct a combined assault.

Port visits were made to France, Italy, Turkey, Portugal, and Spain. A 1979 graduate of Telstar Regional High School, Gaudreau joined the Marine Corps in February of 1980.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

AT TELSTAR R.H.S.

The Girls' Varsity Basketball team at Telstar Regional High School, provides a "ray of optimism." Coach Durgin's girls have a current record of 3 and 3.

The youthfulness of the team appears to be working in a positive manner. The girls are working at the game and each afternoon they gain valuable and needed experience. (Although Durgin points out that more practice time is necessary.)

The fact that almost everyone is an underclassman, puts everyone at the same level. No one person sticks out above the others, and no one has put themselves there. This unity has allowed all of us to work and learn together. A new system has provided some difficult adjustments, but the girls are maturing every game.

The inside work has been handled by Junior Cindy Fiske and Sophomore Cindy Davis. They have done the bulk of the rebounding and will need more support as the season progresses.

The guard work has been shared by four people: Freshman Donna Dorey, Sophomore George Gould, and Juniors Becky Roberts and Lisa Westleigh. These four have been pressed quite hard by opponents. They appear to be gaining poise and confidence.

The equalness of ability has allowed the bench to play an important role. Sophomores Deanne Bodemer, Penny Fleet, and Sally Thompson, have contributed offensively and rebounding wise. Seniors Tammy Fleet and Suzanne Kimball have provided positive

leadership and have been able to contribute some valuable game experience.

Early season highlights: Sophomore Cindy Davis, 10 pts./game; Junior Cindy Fiske, 16 rebounds/game; Sophomore Cindy Davis, 21 pts. vs. Rangely; Sophomores Deanne Bodemer, Penny Fleet, very good off the bench; Freshman Donna Dorey, Sophomore George Gould, outstanding defense 2nd half vs. Rangely; Junior Cindy Fiske, 16 pts./19 rebounds vs. Buckfield; Sophomore Sally Thompson, 16 pts./15 rebounds vs. Gould Academy.

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CHURCH NEWS

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Rev. Millett Cummings, Pastor
Tel. 824-2010 or 743-2213
Organist, Mrs. Susan Glines
Administrative Board Chairman, Richard L. Davis
Sunday School Superintendent, Norman Clanton

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. Sunday School.
10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. Bible Study at the church.
Thursday: 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal at the parsonage.
UMW—first Thursday of each month.

Anyone needing prayers of church members or knowing of someone in need please call Mrs. Burton Abbott, Mrs. Wallace Saunders or Mrs. Ronald Stevens.

West Parish Congregational United Church of Christ
Church St., Bethel
Rev. Brendon Bass
Rev. Jean Bass
Co-Pastors
Miss Mary Valentine, Minister of Music

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for Pre-School through Adults.
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
First and third Sunday, 7-8:30 p.m. Confirmation Class for 9th through 12th grades.
Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship, grades 6-12.
Thursday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal.

Our Lady of the Snows
Rt. 26 Bethel
Rev. Donald R. Proulx
Saturday, 4:30, Anticipated Mass.

Bethel Gospel Center of Christian & Missionary Alliance
D. N. Larson, Pastor

Sunday:
Sunday School, 9 a.m., three year olds through adults.
Babysitting for all children under five years during Church.
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Service, 6 p.m.
Monday: Men's Bible Studies, 7 p.m.
Ladies' Bible Study, Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. — for location call 824-2859. Babysitting.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.: Prayer and Bible Study.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene
Church Street
Rev. Barry Beverage

Sunday:
Sunday School (for all ages including adults), 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.
For transportation or information to any service call 824-2872.

Pleasant Valley Bible Church
B. R. Griffith, Pastor
Linda Stowell,
Pianist and Choir Director

Sunday:
Sunday School, 9 a.m. Ages 3 through adult.
Morning worship, 10 a.m. Baby-sitting for children through age 5.
Tuesday: choir practice, 6 p.m.
Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Babysitting provided.

Locke Mills Union Church
Interim Pastor,
Rev. Willard Bickett
Mrs. Richard Melville, Organist
Church Services, 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Ladies Circle meets every third Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.
Youth Group, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Magalloway & WILSON'S MILLS
—Alice Harvey, Corres.—

Anne Bragg and Alice Harvey enjoyed having lunch with Donna Glover at her home on Tuesday.

The Ladies weathered the storm and went to the Hall for their Christmas Party on Wednesday.

The Christmas Play and Party was very well attended by relatives, friends and neighbors of the Wilson's Mills School children on Thursday evening.

School let out Friday noon for two weeks vacation. They will return to school on January 4.

Mark and Alice Harvey visited with relatives in Littleton, N. H., on Saturday.

Wes and Helen Russell are spending the Christmas Holidays in Connecticut with their children. Larry and Anne Bragg were in Lancaster on business and shopping on Saturday.

There is a great amount of snow for all winter sports.

Happy Holidays Everyone.

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West Bethel Union Church
Rev. Norman Rust, Minister
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Home 583-4488

Parish Day Thursday
Mrs. Nesta Littlefield, Organist
Mrs. Rodney Kimball, Custodian
Choir Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sunday.
Morning worship, 9:30 a.m.
Nursery provided for pre-school children.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Chapel Aid, second Wednesday evening at 7:30.
Supper Club, third Sunday, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship, Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
Rumford, Maine
A Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, The Rev. Jacqueline R. Merrill, 824-3169, 4:30 p.m. the second and fourth Sunday of the month at the West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel, Maine.

Bryant Pond Baptist Church
Pastor: Linwood Hanson

Sunday:
9:15 a.m. Sunday School.
10:30 a.m. Worship Service.
6:00 p.m. Evening Service.
Tuesday—Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday—Awana Clubs: K-Gr. 2, 2:30-4:00 p.m.; Gr. 3-Gr. 8, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Newry Community Church
Newry, Maine
Rodney Hanson, Pastor
Robert Duran, Organist
Sunday Morning Worship, 9:00.
Sunday 7 p.m. Bible Study at Owen Wight's.

Assembly of God
Upon
Rev. Andy Torbett

Sunday, 2 p.m., Worship Service.

Sunday School, 2 p.m., in Ladies' Aid Building. Teacher, Brian Rasmussen.

Prayer meeting, 7 p.m., Wed. Ladies' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. Tues., home of Yvonne Viens.

Rumford Area Bible Speaks
Rumford Corner
Pastor Bob Colby

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School, 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.

Thursday: 10 a.m. God's Complete Women Study, Eleanor Brooks, Main St., Bethel.

Friday: 7:30 p.m. Service.
Sunday: 8:00 p.m. WRUM-FM 96, "Telephone Time."

Monday-Thursday evenings, 8 p.m. Videotape Bible School, 522 Prospect Ave., Rumford, Call 966-9373.

For information or counseling call 364-4573.

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Andover

Rev. Norman Rust, Interim Pastor
Organist, Mrs. Linda Burnham
Choir Director, Mrs. Lea Myshrae
Sunday School Supr., Mrs. Trudy Akers

Sunday:
11 a.m. Worship Service.
11 a.m. Sunday School.

Thursday: Junior Choir, 6:30 p.m.; Senior Choir, 7:30 p.m.; Ladies Aid—Every other Monday at noon, C. E. B.

Calvary Congregational Church
Route 5
Andover, Maine

Pastor: Donald Cropper
Pianist: Mrs. Edna White
Choir Director: Carol Stuart
Sunday School Superintendent: Marjorie Stinson

Worship Service, 10:45.
Sunday School, 9:30.
Youth Group, 5:30.

Prayer and Bible Study, Wednesdays at 7:30 at the church.

Choir rehearsal, Wednesdays at 6:30.

Christian Science Services
In all Christian Science Churches, the Lesson-Sermon read from the book is the same. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Sunday, Dec. 27: Subject: Christian Science. Golden Text: John 16:13, "... when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

First Church of Christ, Scientist
corner of Main and Tenth Streets, Berlin, N. H., holds Sunday morning services at 11 a.m. and Sunday School at the same hour for pupils up to the age of 20 years.

The Wednesday evening meeting is at 7:45, including testimonies of healing.

Christian Science Society, Norway
9 Stevens St., off Alpine St.
Sunday: Services and Sunday School at 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday evening service at 7:30 p.m. includes testimonies of healing.

OXFORD COUNTY UNITED PARISH
Albany Congregational Church
Rev. B. F. Wentworth
3 p.m. Worship Service, Oct. 25 through Dec. 20.

East Stoneham Congregational Church
Jeffrey Hooker, Pastor
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
North Waterford

Congregational Church
Jeffrey Hooker, Pastor
10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

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West Greenwood

— Carolyn M. Colby, Corres. —

Ray, Janice, Tom and Patrick Harrington, Irish Neighborhood; Robbie Harrington, Fort Hood, Texas; Peggy Roy, Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson, South Paris; and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Johnson, Norway, gathered at Maude Harrington's Sunday evening for supper and tree trimming. Joe and Leah Deegan visited Henry and Betty Deegan and family at Cape Elizabeth last Saturday. This week end Marion Soule of Palermo and the Henry Deegan family visited with Joe and Leah. Bob and Mona Lowe were in Lewiston Thursday to see Grace Westleigh at the hospital.

Doug and Yvonne Colby of Salmonville, N. H., visited us Sunday. Earl went to the doctor's in Portland on Monday. Our friends, Ruby Kenison and son Arthur of Buxton were at another doctor's office in the same building so he was able to visit with them awhile.

Newry

— Miss Amy Hanscom, Corres. —

Freda Robertson wishes to announce that services at Newry Community Church have been recessed until March 7.

Mrs. Freda Robertson hosted a pre-Christmas dinner Sunday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Thurston, Rumford Point; Mrs. Kathy Gross, Rumford; Ralph Thurston, Portland; Paul Korhonen and sons, Lisbon; Penny and Dana Bruce Bean, Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Korhonen and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Robertson and daughter, Robert Duran, all of Newry.

The Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club met Thursday evening, Dec. 17, at the home of George and Barbara Merrill with 12 members and one guest present. The club has recently purchased a snowmobile for grooming trails, and to be used as an emergency rescue vehicle. Romeo Baker and Joan Stevens have designed shoulder patches for club members. It is expected that they will be available in about a month.

Pfc. David Korhonen, Fort Dix, N. J. is spending a Christmas furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Korhonen.

The Bethel Fire Department responded Sunday P. M. to a call for a fire at South Ridge Condominiums at Sunday River Skiway. The fire apparently started in Unit 6, Building A, where reportedly a stove which had been placed in a metal fireplace overheated. Damage was mostly to Unit 6, with some damage to Unit 5. A section of the wall had to be torn out to get at the chimney, and some of the chimney torn down. There was also some smoke and water damage. Three units and about 20 men responded. Damage was estimated at \$7,500.

The annual Christmas program and tree was held at the Newry Community Church Sunday evening. Pastor Rodney Hanscom gave the opening message and a prayer. The Scripture was from St. Luke 2:1 to 20. Marie Lowell, Merideth Haegle, Christopher Hanscom, Dorene and Esther Morin gave recitals. John and Yvonne Nowlin sang and Yvonne played guitar. Songs by Nancy and David Hanscom, Nancy and Wendy Hanscom, Nancy and Brian Hanscom, accompanied by Nancy Hanscom on the piano. Brian Hanscom, Brent and Travis Bachelder were the wise men. Shepherds were Christopher Hanscom, Lloyd and David Sweetser and Brian Bachelder. The congregation sang carols, accompanied by Robert Duran on the organ. The program was followed by a tree with presents for the children. Church will be recessed until March 7.

The meeting of the Planning Board scheduled for Dec. 16 was cancelled as several members were unable to attend. It has been rescheduled for Dec. 28, at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Julie Daye. The Mothers Club had their annual Christmas Party Monday evening at the home of Beatrice Lowell. A pot luck supper was served followed by exchange of gifts. Secret pals for the year were revealed at this meeting. Betsy Clark joined making three new members for the year. Carol Corliss and Sandra Wheeler had joined previously.

Best wishes of this Holiday Season to the "Citizen" and all my readers.

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Sunday River

— Jeannine Fleet, Corres. —

Kevin Durgin of Marquette, Mich., called on the Fleets. We are feeding a lot of chickadees and a few blue jays have showed up to eat now.

I saw a large owl one afternoon. He sat on the limb about 18 to 24 inches tall.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Russell of Westwood, Mass., were here at their home for the week end. Edwidge Yates is fixing up a new vehicle to use.

Sent in by Eva Yates:

Our first below zero morning—clear, cold and 2 below. Reports said 32° in Florida and that's cold down there. Frost on the window panes and icicles on the toes. We warmed up the Go-Shoes yesterday and went to Peggy's for a nice dinner then dined our kids and left for my granddaughter Hilda Taylor's home on High St., West Paris, for our first Christmas tree party. Go-Shoes had there one son and daughter, five married grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. How's that? We had gifts a plenty—lots to eat and drink and a good time. Got home in time for Peggy to go to see the Nativity Scene on the Common.

The fire department was called to Sunday River last night—I don't know where the fire was but I hope nothing serious. Traffic to the skiway is something to shout about during the week ends. Schools will soon be closed then there will be more.

You are right Eveline—I am an ear-bird and when I ski I go ear-bird. I got the warmed up Go-Shoes on—my skis on—take my old walker and gosh—I go up the mountain side like a cat up a tree. But when I come down—when I come down! But don't you try it—you could not do it as I do. You'd get all messed up in the snow—fall down and bump your dignity and oh dear. So don't try it Eveline!

At what speed would a bird have to fly to go through a double glass window with a screen on it. Bryce Yates was told a rock had been thrown through a window on his chalet. On investigating he found no rock but a dead partridge—so what was her speed? That must have been flying speed.

Lawrence and Grace Yates phoned from Vero Beach Sunday at Hilda Taylor's so all hands

COLD WATER BROOK ROAD — NORWAY

— Wilma Pierce, Corres. —

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene DeShon, Darlene Hussey, were in New Hampshire, Sunday, shopping.

Guests at Pierces have been: Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Pierce, Portland; Myron Pierce, Sandra Perkins, Buckfield; Marilyn Osborne, Pam Payne.

Guests and callers at DeShon's the past week: Mr. and Mrs. Pat Hussey, two girls, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Payne and daughters, Maureen Dean, West Paris; Nonie Farrington, Marilyn Osborne. Geraldine DeShon was in Lewiston Saturday on business.



May Christmas bring to all our friends and neighbors a world of joy and peace.

Charlie's Place

East Stoneham

— Gladys Kilgore, Corres. —

I wish everyone a happy Christmas and a happy New Year.

The fire department was called out for a chimney fire at the Woodbury home, Sunday.

Durland Barker is working in the office at Evergreen Valley.

Bob Grant fell on the ice and hurt his shoulder quite badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanwood Nelson went to the shopping center at South Paris Thursday, also Mr. and Mrs. John Grover.

My niece, Henrietta Lovejoy, visited me Friday. She was on her way to her home in Fryeburg.

Mrs. Violet Doughty and her niece went to Lewiston one day last week to see her husband who was in the C.M.M.C. He is now home and feeling some better.

A pot luck supper for the children and parents Thursday night at the Church Vestry. After supper a Christmas program was given in the church. Mr. Muriel of Albany acted as Santa Claus. A large crowd attended.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stearns and Mrs. Minerva Dudley went to Montello Manor, Lewiston, to visit Russell Dudley.

The storm left us a lot of snow, some rain and plenty of wind. Even the blue jays didn't come to the feeders that day.

Walston Andrews has been in the hospital several weeks. He didn't seem to gain very fast. They hope to get him home by Christmas.

Mrs. Mary Grover and Mrs. Fran Hamilton and son were delivering Christmas boxes Saturday to the elderly and shut-ins.

talked and wished them a Merry Christmas. They are missed.

Everyone is busy with Christmas. Some have those last minute gifts to wrap. Some are still wracking their brains trying to think what to give to so and so, and others are trying to decide what kind of stuffing to put in the turkey. Chestnut? That won't do. Oyster—maybe but they can't, so each and all have their problems. The Christmas lights are beautiful—whether indoors or out—but seems like we have not heard all the Christmas songs we usually do. It's got to be a White Christmas even though they are talking rain the next day or two. Here's wishing each and all the Best and Happiest Christmas they have ever known.—The Go-Shoes.

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A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Howe; Miss Dick Hastings of Bethel; Mrs. Agnes Haines, Mrs. Lillian Bartlett and Miss Dorothy Bartlett among many others attended the 55th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Bancroft in Paris Hill Sunday.

Many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hastings for a very great milestone in their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson Smith and family of Bucksport were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Harrington.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Harrington attended the Christmas program and party of the Locke Mills Sunday School Sunday evening.

Mrs. George Hill of West Paris visited Mrs. Chester Harrington one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hicks were in Lewiston Thursday and visited Mrs. Charles Frezer and family; and then visited Mrs. Annie Woodbury in Danville Corner.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stearns of Rumford Corner; John Foster and son, David, of Andover; Mrs. Josephine Tyler and son, Daryl, of Dixfield visited Mrs. Myra Foster Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Myra Foster and Albert Foster attended a family get-together at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stearns in Rumford Corner Sunday. There were 28 present.

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The snow storms are hitting western Maine thick and fast. We have had two more since the first one and promise of another coming out of the West. We had some rain on this one so it made crusty shoveling which was heavy. Maybe the weather man will get it out of his system so the next month will be kinder to us.

Several of us attended West Paris Grange Thursday night. They served a chicken supper before the Grange meeting. Christmas gifts were exchanged during the program.

Monday I called on several with my little Christmas cards. I found Herman Cole in good spirits. I had a nice visit with Don and Elsie Bennett. Elsie is making some beautiful animals. Other stops were at Bill and Edwin Howe's homes and Bob Billings'. Also called at Arthur Farrington's and Bob Farrington's at Norway trailer park.

Monday I visited Herman and Ruth Barnett. They were about ready to leave for Westbrook to

see Ruth's sister, Stella, so made a short call. I'm getting ready to hibernate for the winter.

I would like to know what my neighbors are doing. I call on several but no particular news they say.

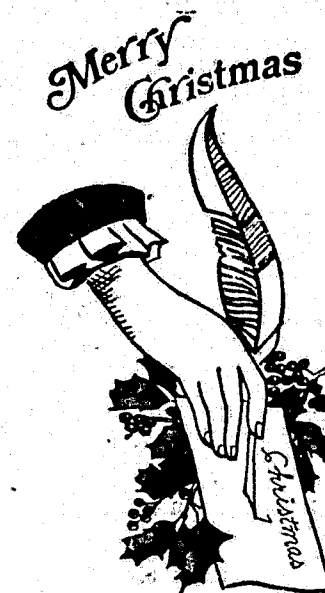
Next week there will be a couple more holiday celebrations to report upon. What is it they say, "Don't end a sentence with a preposition." Sorry, I can't change it now.

Esther Davis wrote that everyone was O.K. there. She will be with Lorraine and family over the holidays.

Patty Thurlow had the misfortune of falling. She was very lame but better now. All the workers at Ledgeview in this area attended a supper and tree for the whole laboring group Thursday at the nursing home.

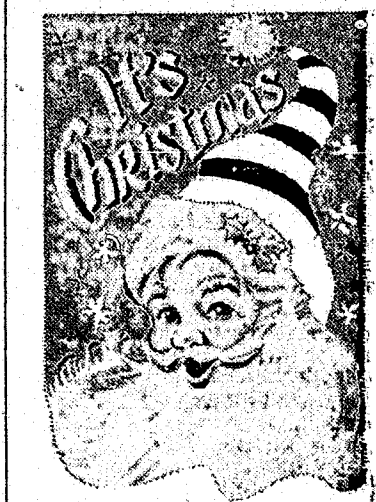
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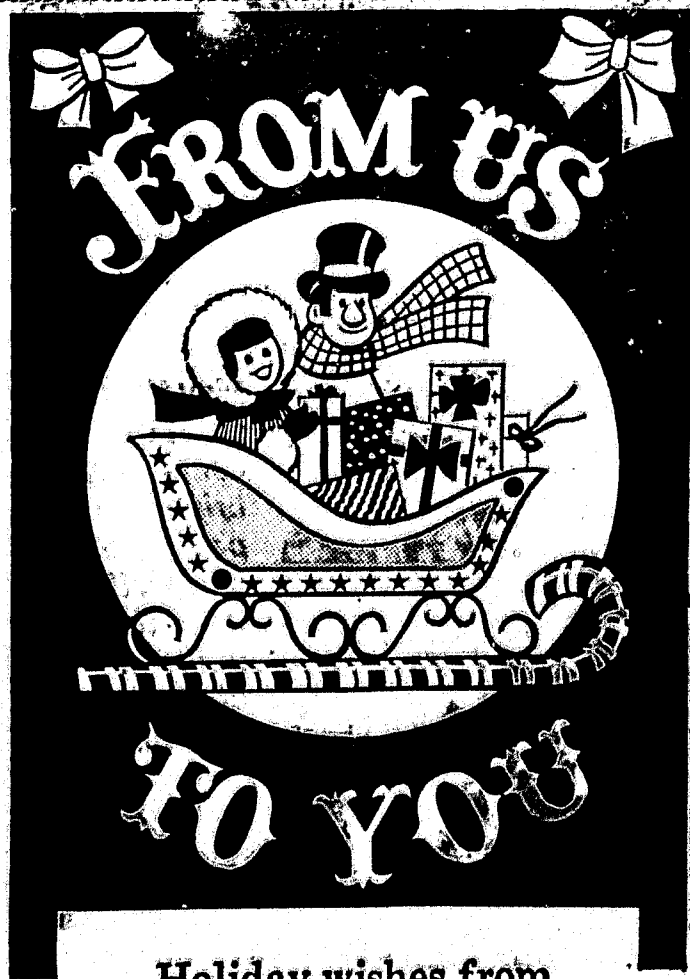
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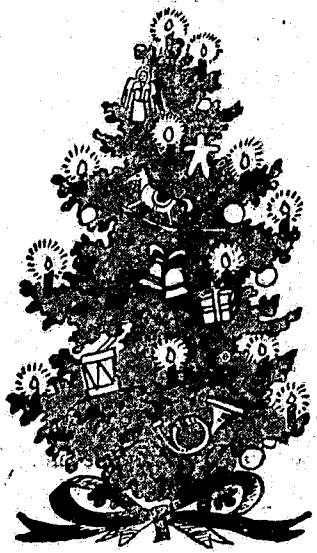
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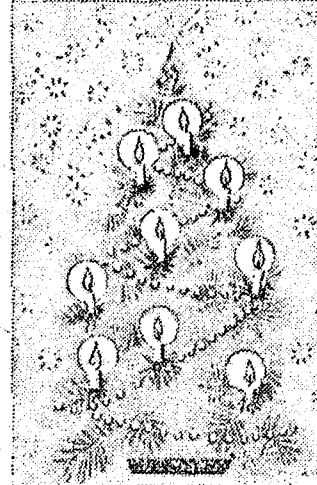
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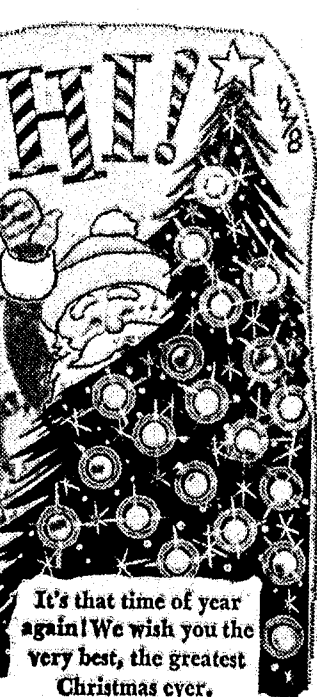


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MRS. JAMES A. COONEY

Mrs. Tirzah "Terry" (Bean) Cooney, 38, of Rte. 28, Wolfeboro, N. H., died Dec. 18, 1981, at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston after a long illness.

Mrs. Cooney was born in Berlin, N. H., and lived in Marlborough, Mass., before moving to Wolfeboro, ten years ago.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of Wolfeboro.

The family includes her husband, James A. Cooney; a son, Jeffrey Cooney; a daughter, Lori Cooney; her mother, Margaret Bean, all of Wolfeboro; two brothers, C. Larry Bean of Wolfeboro and Caleb Bean of Rutland, Vt.; two sisters, Mrs. Jewel Warneck of New York and Mrs. Ginevra Salway of Lacombe; five nieces and four nephews.

A memorial service was held Sunday, Dec. 20, at the First Christian Church. The Rev. Gordon C. Avery, pastor, officiated. Donations in her memory may be made to the First Christian Church Nursery Fund or the American Cancer Society, Concord, N. H.

The Baker Memorial Chapel, Wolfeboro, N. H., was in charge of arrangements.

ROUND ROBIN FINALS

Round Robin Bridge members enjoyed a dinner bridge at the Bethel Inn on Dec. 13. Finals for the nine weeks of play were: single high, Dorothy Moore and single low, Patricia Hudson. Tournament results were high, Dorothy Moore, followed by Cynthia Mason, Pearlina McMillin, Rita Davis, Sally Ramage and low, Ginny Cole.

Another series of play will begin the week ending Jan. 16. All players must register with Pearlina McMillin on or before Jan. 4. Everyone is welcome so get a partner and join the group.

West Bethel

Fannie Cummings, Corres.

Monday, Cathy Lovejoy and her mother, Fannie Cummings were at the dentist in Norway. Afterward they went to Lewiston to shop and have dinner.

Ruth Wilkinson joined Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Cummings and attended the Oxford County Council meeting in Dixfield, preceded by a turkey supper on Tuesday night. Three deer were seen walking in the newly fallen snow.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rolfe were in Togus, calling on Charles Day.

Thursday, Mrs. Ann Mason passed her driver's test with no problems. Monday, the 21st Gordon Mason was having a day of shopping in Berlin, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cummings, Cathryn Lovejoy and Miss Angela were in Berlin, N. H., on business, Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Bluin, Carol and David, Leona West and son, Norman, of Rumford, attended the Christmas Pageant Sunday night at the Pleasant Valley Bible Church.

May you all have a Blessed Christmas Day and a Healthy New Year.

CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE

Cub Scout Pack #566 is planning a Bottle and Can Drive on Jan. 9, 1982, so everyone save their Christmas and New Year's contributions for the drive. Let any Cub Scout know about your donation or call 824-2269, 824-2131, or 824-2945 for pick-up. These funds will help send the Cubs to Camp Bomazeen.



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Mrs. John Mills, Corres.

Christmas Eve Services will be held at the Union Church at 7 p.m. Thursday (tonight). Everyone is welcome.

Due to recent spells of bad weather, there seem to have been more that didn't go on than did. The Ladies Circle dinner had to be postponed and there was no school Wednesday, Dec. 15, so the Christmas concert for the Crescent Park School children was postponed. Friday the Locke Mills choir was unable to present the Cantata in Sweden; however, they did bring it to Locke Mills Saturday and it was well attended. The Ladies Circle served cookies and beverages following the program.

The Sunday School program was held Sunday evening. Each class presented their own tribute to Christmas this year and Santa surprised everyone with a visit. Rev. Bickett, interim pastor, and Richard Melville, Sunday School superintendent, were presented dishes of fruit.

On Monday Christmas boxes were packed and delivered to shut-ins in town.

The Crescent School concert was held on Tuesday and also school parties were held that day.

Wednesday the Cub Scouts held their Christmas party at Gloria Crockett's.

Louis Martin, Chapel Valley, West Paris; Vi Churchill and son, Leland Farr, were Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Mills. Clayton Mills of Norway visited in the afternoon.

Those attending the Senior Citizen Rotary Club dinner Thursday in Bethel were Bertha Flanders, Donald and Elsie Bennett, Cora Bennett, Mansfield Packard, Georgia Jordan, Gladys Jordan, Stella Howe and Annie Kimball.

Sunday, Dec. 20, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bennett entertained at a family gathering at their home with an early Christmas dinner. Guests included Mrs. Cora Bennett, Locke Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Elden Hagaway, Bryant Pond; Mr. and Mrs. Dean Bennett, Mount Vernon; Cheryl and Richard Bennett, Yarmouth; Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett, Leslie and Jason, Westbrook.

John Tebbets is reported to be home from the hospital and feeling some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gaudet, Yarmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morse and Darren, were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Bertha Flanders.

Tammy Dunham, Melanie Swan, and Parke Clemons, U. of M., Farmington, are among students home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mills were in Norway Thursday afternoon for

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The Telstar varsity ski jumping team has finally been able to enjoy some excellent snow conditions to begin early season jumping on the Swan's Corner, 10, 20 and 30 meter jumps. The largest turnout in recent years for the team shows some renewed interest in a sport which appeared to be dying in the past two or three years. Eleven high school boys are currently in training for the team. Leading the way are returning letter winners Jerry Deans, Chuck Jaros, and team captain Chris Merrill. Jerry is a senior. Both should be among the top five jumpers in the state this season as Jerry was fourth and Chris seventh in last year's state championships. Chuck is a sophomore who placed nineteenth a year ago. Other skiers vying for a spot on the team are seniors Tim Akers, Kevin Myshrahl and Tom

doctor appointments, did some shopping and visited Donald Mills on Alpine Street, Verne Mills and Lester Cole at Andrews Nursing Home, South Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Swan Jr. and family will spend Christmas with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Rowe, Bethel. It also is Mrs. Rowe's birthday.

Ralph Mills, Colchester, Vt., is expected home for the holiday.

Sweetser juniors Scot Angevine and Rick Coulombe, and freshmen Scott Brown, Mike Kelly, and Shawn Smith.

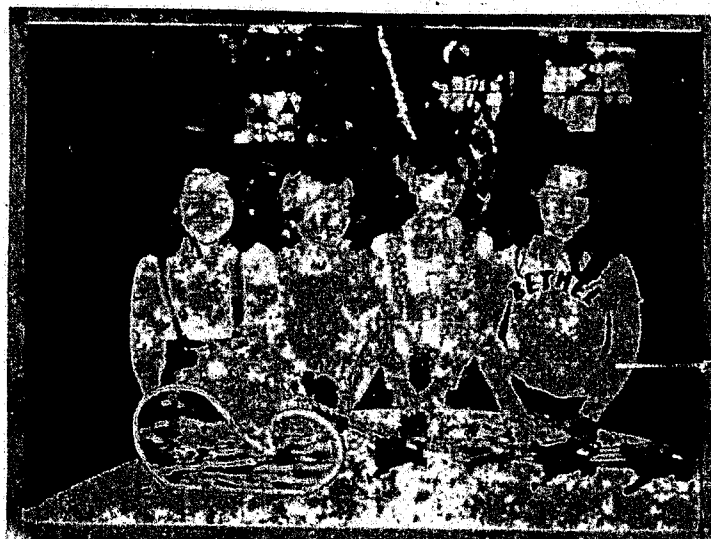
The competitive season begins Jan. 9 and comes to a climax on Feb. 17 with the State Jumping Championships at Titcomb in Farmington. With a change in the team skiing format for the State of Maine, ski jumping becomes a separate event with its own state championships. The other three events, slalom, giant slalom and cross country will constitute the traditional state skiing championships to be hosted Feb. 25-26 by Telstar.

Ski jumping is a very exciting event and modern equipment and techniques with proper coaching make it a very safe event.

Coach Levi Brown's ski jumpers appear to be definite contenders for this year's championships. Come see them in action at the following places and times this winter: Jan. 9, (home) 10 a.m.; Jan. 16, at Fryeburg, 10 a.m.; Jan. 23, (home), 10 a.m.; Jan. 30, (home), 10 a.m.; Feb. 6, at Mt. Blue, 10 a.m.; Feb. 17, States at Mt. Blue.

SQUARE DANCE

The Moloket Mixers will hold a square dance on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 8 p.m. at the Rumford High School. The caller will be Jim Belanger with rounds cued by Wally Weeks. Joke gifts will be exchanged and refreshments will be served.



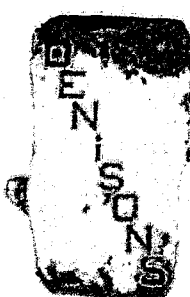
Ethel Bisbee School students, Darcy Moffett, Amy Hannon, Shilo Hutchins, and Michelle Inman are admiring the Santa's sleigh made and filled with goodies for the children in Mrs. Davis' class by Jim and Jill Moffett.

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Arthur Thompson returned home from the hospital Tuesday evening of this week.

The oranges from Edith Kenyon have arrived for Ellie LeComte to distribute.

The Camerons of Pittsburg, N. H., were in town during the week end.

Armand and Simone LaVallee's granddaughter, Donna and her husband and baby are staying at the LaVallee home for an indefinite period.

All 1979 taxes have been paid and all liens discharged.

The Andre Viens spent some time at their camp and enjoyed snowmobiling.

Kan and Pearl Fysk will be enjoying the holidays at their camp on Umbagog.

Carolers meet tonight (Thursday) at 6 o'clock and an informal program and tree is planned for later in the evening at the church. The tree was secured by Alan Murphy, the stand made by Gillies Viens and the teen agers decorated it last Sunday.

We experienced an old fashioned blizzard with very high winds Wednesday of last week. Temperatures were warmer than some blizzards. Sunday night was the coldest so far with temperatures around zero.

If Stalin or Grigori Rasputin had birthdays annually and widely celebrated, I doubt I'd join the festivities, as I've no favorable admiration for these historic figures, or if one of the Beetles were thus acclaimed I would not celebrate by calling it Beetle Day and playing the type of music I prefer. Doesn't it seem strange, that so many to whom Jesus is only a swear word observe his birthday so thoroughly or that they celebrate Christmas with music and

BORN

In Norway, Dec. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Burton Mills (Debbie Kimball) of Bethel, a daughter, Lydia Marie.

DIED

In Boston, Mass., Dec. 18, Mrs. Tirzah (Bean) Cooney, of Wolfeboro, N. H., formerly of Bethel.

1982 CALENDAR**PHOTOGRAPH IDENTIFIED**

The students in the September photograph of the 1982 Bethel Historical calendar have been identified by Charles Gorman who appears in the photo. Mr. Gorman believes that it was taken about 1916. Those identified include: front row, Arthur Dudley, Clifford Somerville, Louis Van Den Kerckhoven, Roger Bartlett, Walter Inman, Burton Abbott, Charles Gorman, Irwin Hutchinson, Edmund Chapman and Myron Bryant; second row, Lillian Grover Young, Elsie Poore Inman, Edith Soper, Marion Hutchins, Bessie Wheeler, Laura Cummings, Pauline King, Adelaide Ramsell, Margaret Vandekerckhoven; Third row, Harold Bennett, Edward Hanscom, Archie Young Sr., Arthur Jackson, Rex Robinson, George Boyce, Raymond Chapman; fourth row, Edith Capen Ward, Maude Cummings Harrington, Marian Allen, Marjorie Farwell Anderson, Elsie Lane, Vivian Wight and Margaret Hanscom.

The Brick Grammar School was built in 1893-1894 and demolished in 1955.

The Bethel Historical Society Calendar features a different photograph of the past each month and is available at the Moses Mason House or at local businesses. For further information, please call the Society at 824-2908.

honor for Santa Claus and Frosty with a bit of "Silent Night" tossed in. Of all the strong creatures on earth Homo Sapien is most difficult to fathom, but as song leader Sharon Torketti noted one of God's laws is, "It is more blessed to give than to receive", and that is why so many Christmas celebrations get the Christmas spirit and joy.

To each of you, I wish a special blessing this year from the one who came that you might have life and have it more abundantly. Merry Christmas.

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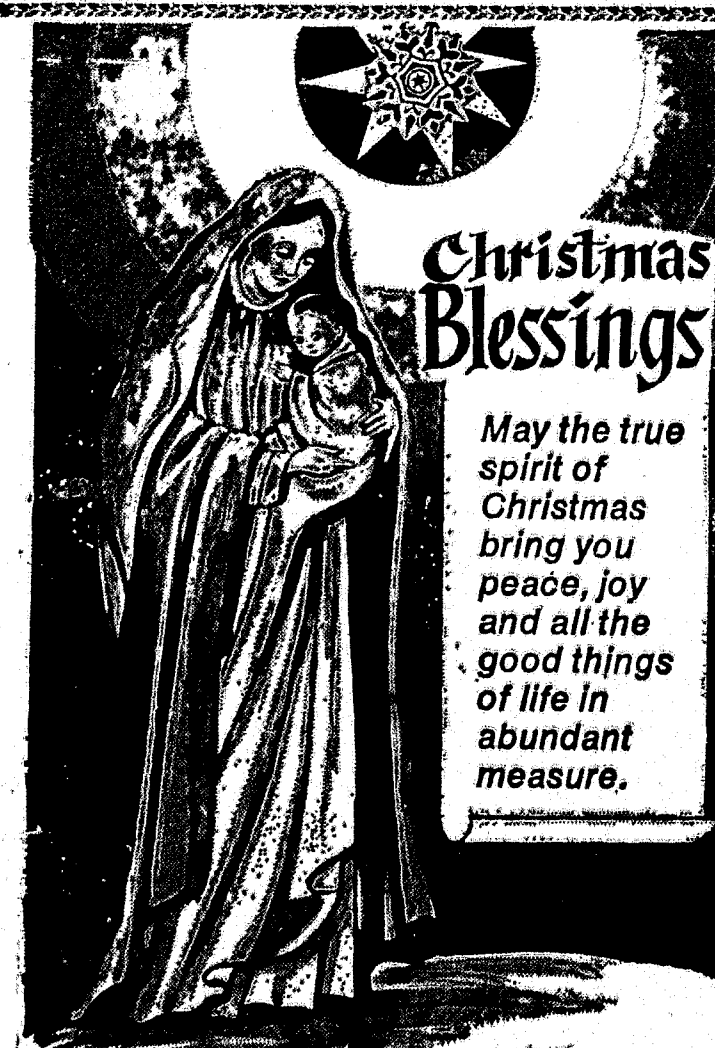
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